valley by inter alia providing security pickets. It has also been decided to set up village defence committees in such Sikh villages, where sufficient volunteers are available.

(d) and (e) To assist the Government of Jammu & Kashmir in tackling the problem of terrorism, Central Security Forces have already been provided. The actual quantum of Central Security Forces at a particular time depends on the availability of forces and the prevailing overall security environment. Keeping in view these constraints, Central Security Forces have been made available to Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir.

TALK BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND NSCN

2783. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the demands of the NSCN (IM) and NSCN(K) raised in the talks between the Government representatives and the NSCN; and

(b) if so, the steps taken up to meet their demands ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI) : (a) and (b) It would not be in public interest to divulge the details of talks with the NSCN(IM). There have been no formal talks so far between Government representatives and the NSCN(K).

FUNCTIONING OF JAILS

2784. SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the functioning of different jails in the country remains as archaic as ever despite various studies and reports for Commissions on jails since independence;

(b) the number of priosn deaths during the last five years, indicating those of the under-trials and the number of suicides; and

(c) the number of under-trials for over ten years in jails and those without trial for over two years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI) :